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*Testimony by Representative Laura Hoydick  
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Good Morning Chairmen Osten and Rojas, Ranking Members Fasano and Aman, and members of the Planning and Development Committee. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity today to testify in favor of HB 5368, AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE POINT STRATFORD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WITHIN THE TOWN OF STRATFORD

It is incumbent upon us as the legislature to safely return brownfield properties to our citizenry for public use. The redevelopment of Stratford Point is not only critical to Stratford but Connecticut's economic growth and renewal. The revitalization of the former Army Engine plant will mean more jobs and more economic activity in Stratford. When the plant closed in 1995 Stratford lost one of its biggest employers and this project will begin to fill that gap.

Stratford Point is a 70 plus acre parcel on the shores of Connecticut located where the Housatonic River flows to the Long Island Sound. It is a prime location for this project to succeed and become a valuable community partner with Stratford and the State of Connecticut for years to come.

Thank you for holding this hearing on HB 5368, I wish to express my support of the bill and ask the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely

Rep. Laura Hoydick